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PROVINCE PROVIDES $8.8M TO RENO FORMER LANGARA LIBRARY

VANCOUVER – Langara College will soon have additional space for classrooms, computer labs and office space, thanks to $8.8 million in funding from the government to renovate, retrofit and seismically upgrade a former library building, Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell announced today.

"Our public post-secondary system has gone through the largest expansion in its history," said Coell. "Capital investments ensure our institutions can provide state-of-the-art learning environments for students."

The total cost of the 2,300-square-metre project will be $15.9 million, with $4.6 million previously committed by the Province. The remaining $2.4 million will be funded by Langara College. The completion date for the renovation is August 2009.

"We are open for learning year-round and serve more than 23,000 students, who take a wide variety of regular credit programs, as well as over 500 continuing studies courses and programs," said Langara College president Linda Holmes. "We're excited to expand the amount of classrooms, labs and offices, to accommodate our large student population, and to do this at LEED Gold standards."

Since 2001, the Province has provided more than $1.4 billion in new funding for more than 650 capital projects on campuses throughout B.C. and has allocated almost $600 million in capital funding over the next three years to accommodate further growth.

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